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Mr. James J. Rowley
Chief, United States Secret Service
Treasury Department
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Rowley:

Thank you for your letter of January 6, 1964 responding to my letter of December 30, 1963.

I appreciate your report on the handling of the Presidential automobile since November 22, 1963. I suggest that we postpone for now the question of whether a representative of the Commission should examine the windshield presently stored in the Secret Service storeroom at the White House garage. As you know, we are interested in being kept advised as to the progress of the work currently in process at Cincinnati for the manufacture and installation of a bullet resistant "bubbletop" on the automobile.

In accord with your letter Inspector Kelley and I have discussed further the review which he is currently making of the investigative materials relative to your report of December 13, 1963. The arrangements you suggest are completely agreeable to me, and I shall wait for Inspector Kelley to furnish copies of reports which he considers pertinent to our investigation. At that time the Commission may consider it desirable for a member of the staff to review the additional reports in your possession as you suggest.

During my meeting with Inspector Kelley on January 7, 1964 we discussed whether the Secret Service had made any changes in the procedures designed to protect the President since the assassination. I would appreciate being advised whether any such changes have been made and whether the Commission may review any memoranda or studies pertaining to existing procedures which have been prepared by your Service since the assassination.

In addition, I asked Inspector Kelley if the Secret Service would supply the Commission with a formal statement of your recommendations regarding the entire matter of Presidential security. As you are aware, it is possible that this Commission may wish eventually to make certain recommendations regarding this problem which would enable the Service to perform its job more effectively. We are interested, of course, in having the advantage of your expertise as we consider various possible improvements.

On behalf of the Commission I wish to thank you and your representatives for your continued assistance to the work of the Commission.

Sincerely,

J. Lee Rankin
General Counsel